

REMARKS

Claims 21-38 were previously pending in this application. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 21-29. Claims 30-38 are rejected. As a result claims 30-38 are pending for examination. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being unclear in that the preamble presents the claim as being directed to an "apparatus", but the body of the claim recites a computer program product and therefore has deemed the preamble and the body of the claim as contradictory as to the statutory class of the invention of the claims.

The Examiner also has objected to claims 31-38 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Without acceding to the correctness of the rejection, Applicants have amended claim 30 to recite, in the preamble of the claim, "a computer program product". This clearly is consistent with the body of the claim, which recites "a computer-readable medium". Accordingly, the rejection to claim 30 should be withdrawn.

Each of claims 31-38 has been amended to recite the "computer program product" to be consistent with amended claim 30, from which it depends. Such claims also now are allowable.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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